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REQUEST FOR REFUND AND GRANTING OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

December 18, 1992

Sir:

Request is hereby made for a refund in the amount of Three Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars (\$355.00).

The applicant herein is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.6(f) and 1.27(b) and, therefore, it is believed that a refund in the amount of one half of the filing fee is proper.

Enclosed herewith please find a Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.

It is respectfully requested that the refund be credited to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 14-1060. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Small Entity Declaration